

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Complete Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled)

1 Claim 2. (currently amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein the
2 serial link is chosen from one of the following: LVDS, Gigabit Ethernet,
3 InfiniBand, IEEE1394, RF Wireless, Infrared Wireless, or any combination of
4 these.

1 Claim 3. (currently amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein the
2 host bus is a PCI bus.

1 Claim 4. (original) The system according to claim 2, wherein the host bus is
2 an LPC (Low Pin Count) bus as defined by Intel 1997.

Claims 5 - 7 (canceled)

1 Claim 8. (currently amended) A system for extending a signal path of a host bus
2 comprising:

3 a first repeater portion connected to a first segment of the host bus;
4 a second repeater portion connected to a second, non-hierarchical
5 segment of the host bus remote from the first segment of the host bus, where
6 the first and second portions of the repeater are connected by a serial link,
7 wherein at least one of the repeater portions further comprises:

8 an interface to the first bus segment;
9 a transaction queue with a data buffer connected to the interface;
10 a link translation layer connected the transaction queue to translate
11 incoming transactions from the first bus segment into serial streams to be sent
12 over the serial link ~~The system according to claim 5,~~ further comprising a

13 transaction decode circuit connected to the interface to the first ~~host~~ bus
14 segment to determine which transactions on the first ~~host~~ bus segment to accept
15 and pass on over the serial link.

Claims 9 -14 (canceled).